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# Property in Gonzales to be cancer center site

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Rao Narra, a Baton Rouge physician and real estate investor, has sold an interest in the Gonzales property that will be used for a new cancer treatment center.

Sales records show Nara Family LLC sold the land in mid-October for just over \$1 million to Ascension Cancer Center LLC, a partnership between Narra and fellow doctors John Fraiche and Craig Victrano.

The property, with frontage on La. 30 near St. Elizabeth Hospital, has been leased by a partnership between St. Elizabeth and Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center for a new radiation treatment cancer center an-

nounced in July.

Amy Benton, a spokeswoman for Mary Bird Perkins, said officials hope to begin taking patients at the new facility by mid-2008.

Site work is expected to begin next month. In addition to renovating a 6,000-square-foot building, the partnership will add 6,000 square feet.

Benton said the partnership still plans to invest \$6 million in the treatment center. In addition to \$2 million in renovation and construction work, the center will offer about \$4 million in leading-edge cancer-treatment technology.

Benton said an adjacent lot acquired by the partnership last year will be kept for future expansion.